

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

According to the Interview Summary and Advisory Action issued by the Examiner, the Examiner indicates that combining claim 6 into claim 1, claim 40 into claim 37, and claim 48 into claim 45, would overcome the applied art.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner, with the goal of obtaining quick allowance.

It is further understood that the amendment filed November 1, 2007, was not entered, and so the Listing of Claims in the present paper reflects this understanding.

Because the amendments are limited to rewriting dependent claims into independent form, it is submitted that the amendments raise no further issues. It is also believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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